

# St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley



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## **St. Joseph's Mass Times**

**Saturday Vigil:** 5.00 pm **Sunday:** 8 am and 10 am

**Weekday Masses:** at 8 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

**Thursday:** Mass at 12 md

**Public Holidays:** 9 am only

Confessions are available before the 5 pm Vigil Mass (4 pm to 4.45 pm)

## **WELCOME BACK**

**St Joseph's Church is open from 7 am to 6 pm daily, and the usual Mass timetable as above apply. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.**

## 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Masses for the Deceased:** Elizabeth, our late Queen, Janice Scully, Bartolo Alessi recently deceased; Peter Nelson, Tony Kilgannon, June Roebuck, David McIntosh, Hilda Marie Lee, Jose Eduardo Alvarez, anniversaries.

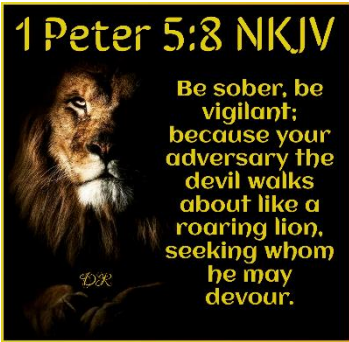
### DAY OF MOURNING FOR THE LATE QUEEN ELIZABETH II:



This coming Thursday has been proclaimed by the Australian Government as a day of Mourning for our late Queen, Elizabeth. It is a public holiday, and as such, Mass on Thursday will be celebrated at 9 am (public holiday timetable), instead of 12 md. The Mass will be a Requiem Mass for the happy repose of the soul of our late Queen.

**SPIRITUAL INGENUITY:** The infamous great train robbery was clearly the result of immense planning and ingenuity. Every eventuality had to be foreseen, every mistake, as far as possible, to be guarded against, every detail considered. The whole operation required, not only nerves of steel, but courage and firm determination. All this was for worldly gain, for an immense prize in terms of money. They must indeed have been clever rogues who engineered this operation.

Our Blessed Lord tells us in today's Gospel that we should have some of the qualities of such rogues when we aim at heavenly riches. We, who are children of the light, should learn from the worldly, not, of course, from their worldliness, but from the energy and wisdom they employ in the pursuit of their aims. We have a much richer prize to gain than they have; we should have a much greater determination to gain it. Those who took part in the robbery had to have the wisdom of serpents to elude the police; we have to have such wisdom to pit ourselves against the activities of evil powers who try to rob us of our prize. St. Peter says

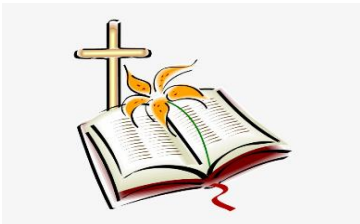


of Satan that he goes about like a roaring lion seeking those whom he can devour.

We need the help of the Spirit of Wisdom to gain the kingdom of Heaven. The “I’m all right Jack” mentality will never gain it. Heaven must be stormed, and we have to have, as did the crooks in the train robbery, great determination and perseverance. In our own case we must give the lie to the words of the master in the parable that *the*

*sons of this world are wiser in their generations than the sons of light.* A good prayer for today is: “*God, grant me the courage to change the things I can change, the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, and the wisdom to know the difference.*”

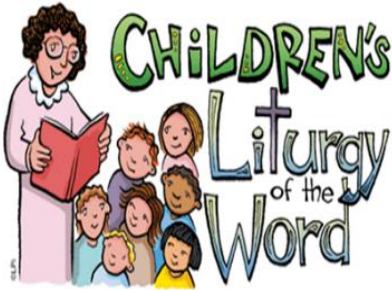
Applications for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation 2022** (Year 2 and above) are now open and will close on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2022. Please visit the parish website [www.stjosephschurch.com.au](http://www.stjosephschurch.com.au) and click on the **tab Sacramental Dates 2022** for further details. Alternatively, click on the link attached for the [Reconciliation 2022 program and application form](#).



**MASS READERS:** Volunteers are needed to read at the Masses on the weekend. Please contact the office 9580-1864 or email [oatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:oatleycc@bigpond.net.au) if you are able to assist on some weekends.

**The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses: You can access this on YouTube by following this link: [bit.ly/stjoatley](https://bit.ly/stjoatley) OR**





**CHILDREN'S LITURGY during the Sunday 10am Mass:** We look forward to seeing our young parishioners attend Children's Liturgy during the **10am Sunday Mass**. Children are led through prayer, songs, craft, and readings.

**Pastoral Appeal for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Sydney:** This appeal will be made at the Masses this weekend. We recognize the pastoral care given by our retired Priest over many years and continue to support them in their retirement by generously responding to this appeal each year.

**TAX RECEIPTS for parishioners' part of the envelope or credit card giving program for 2021-2022 are available.** Please email [eatleycc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:eatleycc@bigpond.net.au) if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

**New Contributors:** If you wish to become part of our regularly giving programme at St Joseph's Parish Oatley, please fill in the planned giving form, which can be accessed by clicking on the following [APPLICATION FORM](#). Thank you to all who have kindly contributed to our parish at St Joseph's Oatley. *Fr. Paul*



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